GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of irregularities in various works in Kamalapuram (M), YSR Kadapa District–Disciplinary Proceedings and charges framed against Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO - Charge proved in the inquiry report of Member, C.O.I & IA, dt.31.01.2023 – Inquiry report communicated-Representation of Charged Officer received– Imposition of penalty of stoppage of two(2) Annual grade increments without cumulative effect under Rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 besides recovery of an amount of Rs.8,68,604/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Four only)– Orders– Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 82 **Dated: 12-02-2025**

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.27 (C.No.508/V&E/ E1/2013), dated: 31.10.2014 of DG, V&E,.
2.G.O.Rt.No.507, PR&RD (Vig. II) Dept., dt:25.05.2015.
3.WSD dt.26.12.2017 of Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO.
4.G.O.Rt.No.561, PR&RD (Vig. II) Dept., dt:28.08.2019.
5.G.O.Rt.No.580, PR&RD (Vig. II) Dept., dt:13.10.2020.
6.G.O.Rt.No.444, PR&RD (Vig. II) Dept., dt:09.08.2021.
7.DO Lr No.59/COI-KVR/2021, Dated 31.01.2023 of Member, COI, G.A. Dept.,
8.Govt.Memo No.20190/Vig.II/2014-2, Dated 15.04.2023.
9. Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, Representation, Dated 24.05.2023.
10.Lr No.Vig(4)/752/2015, Dated 29.11.2024 of ENC, PR, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has furnished Vigilance Report, dt:31.10.2014 relating to verification of works and on the allegation of irregularities in the works executed under various grants viz., Rajiv Palle Bata, ACDP, MPLADS, MGNREGS, ZP General funds, APSFC., ZP Seigniorage Grant, MP Rs.8/- per capita, MP Woman and Child Welfare, MP ST Welfare, RRM and TFC in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District, wherein, the DG, V&E has reported various irregularities in execution of works and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO for committing certain irregularities execution of works besides recovery amount proportionately from the officers concerned/executive agencies/ self help groups among other recommendations.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge

under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge:

That Sri B.Haranatha Babu, MPDO, MPP, Badvel formerly MPDO, MPP, Kamalapuram, Kadapa District has committed irregularities in execution of works sanctioned in Kamalapuram Mandal, Kadapa District, under various grants and failed to discharge his legitimate duties and allowed the substandard execution with mala fide intention and caused loss to the Government exchequer in violation of Rule.3 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO has submitted his written statement of defense for taking further action. After examination of the matter and having not satisfied the written statements of defense submitted by the Charged Officer and eight (8) other COs, Government have appointed Sri J.Satyanarayana, IPS(Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed PO, under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980 vide reference 4th read above and subsequently, the Inquiry Officers were changed from time to time on administrative grounds vide references 5th and 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, G.A. Dept., has submitted inquiry report, dt:31.01.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held that charges framed against the charged officer, Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, as proved, among others.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, as per Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, among others.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO has submitted his representation, dt:24.05.2023 stated that he was not involved in according administrative sanction of the works, as the Administrative Sanction for the said 840 works was accorded by the competent authorities of the departments of Panchayat Raj, Irrigation and Command Area Department and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Departments under different grants or schemes namely, Rajiv Palle Bhata, ACDP, MPLADS, MGNREGS, ZP General funds, APSFC, ZP Seigniorage grant, Mandal Parishad Rs.8/- per capita, MP Women and Child Welfare, MP, SC Welfare, MP ST Welfare, RRM and TFC. The entrustment of works was made as per the procedure prescribed vide the sanction proceedings of the competent authorities of the department concerned. The said works were technically recorded by the measurement officer i.e., AE/AEE designated by the department

concerned and check measured by the check measurement officer i.e., DEE, designated by the department concerned. The quality of the work has to be ensured by the designated quality control wings of the Departments concerned. He has further stated that all his defenses made before the Inquiring Authority were unheard in its true spirit, intent and favorably and therefore, the analysis made by the Inquiring Authority with his findings thereon, are not acceptable and the same are contestable. Hence, he has requested the Government to exonerate him of the charge framed.

7. Government have examined the matter and observed that as per the Vigilance Report 1st read above, CO-7 i.e., Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO has (i) paid amounts before concluding execution of works (ii)not recovered statutory recoveries for certain works, (iii) paid bills for non-SSR items based on quotations without obtaining approval from the competent authority, (v) failed to register the private land belong to Sri K.Mohan reddy to Government before grounding the work. The defense of CO is not satisfactory and as per job chart, CO is responsible to supervise, ensure quality of the works sanctioned in his jurisdiction in all sectors and schemes. After perusal of defense and records available, it is concluded that CO has not discharged his duties as per job chart and codal provisions. In view of the above reasons, the observation of V&E officials in Vigilance Report 1st read above, are sustained. Hence, charge is held as proved against him. As such, the contentions of CO-7 i.e., Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO to drop further action is devoid of merits.

8. In the reference 1st read above, the DG, V&E, have also recommended to recover/reject the amounts in respect of 84 works pertaining to Irrigation and PR&RD Departments respectively to a tune of Rs.72,30,330/- and also to recover the same from self help groups, if not recovered, it should be recovered from the concerned departmental officials proportionately. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above, the ENC, PR has informed that an amount of Rs.40,695/- was only recovered from the Executive Agencies till now for only three(3) work Nos.14,59 and 60 respectively. The remaining amounts couldn't be able to recover from them, even after elapse of 12 years. Further, he has also furnished the justification report for apportion of recovery amounts from the each CO, as per their job chart and responsibility, such as (i)ratio of apportion, (ii) amount for each work and the CO responsible, in a prescribed proforma for 83 works pertaining to PR&RD, RWS&S Departments.

9. After careful examination, the Government have agreed with the above justification proposal of the ENC, PR for apportion of recovery amounts from the concerned Charged officers for the works they are responsible. Accordingly, the CO-7 i.e., Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, is responsible for (42) works, wherein, he has recorded excess measurements, recommended excess bill amount for works executed through self-help groups and Sarpanches of concerned Gram Panchayat for the works under various grants and; executed rejected quantity of works. The following table showing (i) Sl No. of work, (ii)type of

apportionment of ratio among Charged officers, (iii)amount already been recovered from the Executive Agency, (iv)amount to be recovered in respect of above **CO-7** is as follows:-

Sl. Number of works	Ration of apportion among Cos based on their responsibility	Amount recovered from the Executive Agencies concerned (in Rs.)	Amount to be Recovered from **CO-7** (in Rs.):-
24	**CO-7-**100% (**MPDO**)	0/-	11,500/-
21,25,27,44, 59,60,72,74	CO- 2/3/4/5/6:**CO-7**::**4**:1 (AE/AEE/DEE:**MPDO**)	27,718/- (for 2 works)	95,493/-
22, 26,30,31, 32,33, 34,35, 36,37,38,39,40, 43, 45,46,47, 48,49,52,55,56, 57,58,66,70, 71,73,75, 77,83,84	CO-3/4:CO-6:**CO-7**:: 5:3:**2** (AE:DEE:**MPDO**)	0/-	7,21,611/-
42	CO-3: CO-6:CO-7:CO-8: 2.5:2.5:3:**2** (AE:AE:DEE:**MPDO**)	0/-	40,000/-
Total No. of works: (42)	Total Amount	27,718/-	8,68,604/-

10. In annexure-I, a statement showing viz, (i) Sl.No. of the work, (ii) nomenclature of work; (iii) Grant; (iv) Name of Contractor /Agency; (v) Executing Agency (vi) V&E observations; (vii) Recoveries; (viii) Observations of V&E in Work; (ix) Rejected values (x) Recovery already effected; (xi) Remaining amount to be effected; (xii) Reasons for rejection; (xiii) COs figured against work in inquiry report; (xiv) to (xxiii) name of CO and apportioned amount work wise indicated against such CO, is herewith enclosed. In annexure-II, the total (42) works for which the charged officer Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO, is responsible also mentioned. Hence, an amount of Rs.8,68,604/- is apportioned to him.

11. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a penalty of stoppage of two (2) Annual grade increments without cumulative effect under Rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 besides recovery for an amount of Rs.8,68,604/-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Four only) against Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO.

12. The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P. Tadepalli shall take necessary action accordingly and to recover the amount mentioned at para No.11 above, in a lump sum from the charged officer and send ATR to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli(w.e)
Sri B.Harinatha Babu, former MPDO, Kamalapuram(M) and presently working as General Manager, APTIDCO. **Trough** the Director, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish served copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The PR&RD(Estt.V) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR,RD,RWS&S,EFS&T Departments.
PS to Prl.Secy., to Govt., PR&RD Department.
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